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My dear Mr. Dulles:

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Following our discussion after the NSC meeting on November 5, 1953, I again have considered your request [REDACTED]

We are well aware of the importance to the intelligence community of maps and books procured abroad. Certainly too little information is available overtly to neglect to collect and exploit that which we can obtain most easily. I often marvel at the amount of intelligence on this country that could be collected openly, particularly in contrast to the assignment which confronts you.

I recall two principal points that you made when we talked. First, you suggested that the continuing responsibility of all Foreign Service posts to collect published materials might be inadequate in those areas where full-time positions no longer will remain. It occurs to me that your concern might be alleviated by more vigorous joint action by CIA and the State Department. CIA, for example, might provide greater general impetus and leadership and might give increased guidance to State in the form of overt collection training or maintenance of specific requirements with priorities. State, for its part, might assign part-time collection duties to existing positions and provide for greater coordination by the regional book procurement officers and geographic attaches. Without being more concrete, it would seem that there would be a variety of improvisations to minimize any actual reduction in material received.

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Second, you suggested that the arrangement you propose would be in effect only this year [REDACTED]. A review of the State submission to the Bureau reveals that the positions in question have not been included in the request.

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Since we have every indication that Congressional committees may wish to look particularly at [REDACTED] next spring, I still am concerned lest the arrangement you propose could be construed as a subversion of Congressional intent [REDACTED] Until

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such time as it is recognized that the State Department no longer has this responsibility. I do not believe that I could approve [REDACTED] I would heartily endorse, however, any cooperation or assistance [REDACTED] which CIA or other agencies could lend to State on this very vital program.

Sincerely yours,

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/s/

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